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1. The reply filed on Jan. 26, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The reply presents at least one additional claim (claim 26) without (a) acknowledging its presence in the amendment papers: see page 6 of the amendment papers: "claims 1-10 and 21-25 are pending"; and (b) without pointing out how the newly added claim itself is patentable over the prior art of record. See 37 CFR 1.111. Please note that 37 CFR 1.111(b) is specific in this matter: "The reply must present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims, including any newly presented claims, patentable over any applied references. [...] A general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references does not comply with the requirements of this section." Claim 26 is newly presented and has not been mentioned in any way in applicant's comments.

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